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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 ANTIONETTE SLAUGHTER,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 VALLEY VIEW I LLP, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

14 CASE NO. C24-0585-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. In an order to show cause (Dkt. No. 9),
16 the Court described the pleading infirmities in Plaintiff's complaint and indicated that, if Plaintiff
17 could not cure those infirmities, the Court would dismiss the case. (*Id.*) In response, Plaintiff
18 renewed a request for the appointment of counsel and described the limitations she currently has
19 in stating a claim for relief. (*See generally* Dkt. No. 11.)

20 The filing is not responsive to the Court's instruction. While the Court is sympathetic to
21 Plaintiff's need for the assistance of counsel in formulating her claims, without more clear
22 allegations supporting the type of relief this Court may provide, the Court cannot ascertain if
23 "exceptional circumstances" support the appointment of counsel. *See Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789
24 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986) (describing those circumstances required for the appointment of
25 counsel); *see also United States ex rel. Gardner v. Madden*, 352 F.2d 792, 793 (9th Cir. 1965)
26 (noting that the appointment of counsel in a civil matter is a "privilege not a right").

1 Accordingly, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), Plaintiff's complaint (Dkt. No. 8) is
2 DISMISSED without prejudice.

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4 DATED this 6th day of August 2024.

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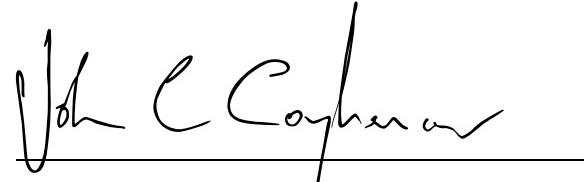
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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE